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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LE, US

SUBJECT: DISASTER RELIEF LEBANON

REFS: (A) STATE 259593; (B) STATE 259592

1. AT 1200 LOCAL TODAY DRO CHAIRED MEETING AT AUB TO CONFIRM FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEIVING, CLEARING, TRANSPORTING AND STORAGE OF INITIAL AND SUBSEQUENT SHIPMENTS. THOSE PRESENT INCLUDED EMBASSY'S B&F AND SHIPPING OFFICERS, THE CURRENT DUTY OFFICER, THE OWNER OF BEIRUT EXPRESS, THE DIRECTOR OF AUH AND HIS CHIEF OF SUPPLY, PLUS AUB'S BUSINESS MANAGER AND CONTROLLER. DR. KIRKWOOD SAT IN FOR EARLY PART OF MEETING.

2. GROUP AGREED THAT SHIPMENT WILL NOT BE MOVED FROM AIRPORT EARLIER THAN 0800 LOCAL NOVEMBER 4. BEIRUT EXPRESS HAS ALREADY MADE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AND TOMORROW, ASSUMING SOMETHING LIKE TODAY'S LEVEL OF CALM PREVAILS, WILL CLEAR SHIPMENT AND PROVIDE TRUCKS FOR MOVEMENTS DIRECTLY TO AUH RECEIVING DOCKS. ETA AT AUH IS APPROXIMATELY 11:00 LOCAL NOVEMBER 4.

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3. DUE NON-AVAILABILITY LOCAL LABOR, AUH DIRECTOR IS

ARRANGING VOLUNTEER WORK FROM ON CAMPUS TO HELP  
WITH UNLOADING AND STORAGE.

4. FOR RECORD, BEIRUT EXPRESS HAS OFFERED WAIVE ALL BUT  
OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE FOR THIS OPERATION.

5. ON PUBLICITY, PLAN IS THAT ANY NEWS COVERAGE WILL  
BEGIN ONLY WHEN SHIPMENT ARRIVES AT AUH.

6. AN AUH REP. AND DRO WILL INSPECT SHIPMENT ON ARRIVAL  
AUH. ALL ITEMS WILL BE, FOR CONTROL PURPOSES, FED INTO  
AUH'S REGULAR INVENTORY SYSTEM WHICH IS HIGHLY COMPUTERIZED.  
AUH WILL MAINTAIN A RECORD AND RECEIPT SYSTEM ON  
ALL ITEMS DISPENSED TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

7. AT ONE POINT GROUP DISCUSSED POSITION AUB SHOULD TAKE  
ON RELIEF EFFORTS OTHER GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS. QUESTION  
CAME UP BECAUSE REPRESENTATIVE OF IRC IS VISITING CAMPUS  
THIS AFTERNOON. IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE IS NO CONFLICT  
WITH FACT AUB IS BEING HEAVILY STOCKED AND EFFORTS OTHER  
GROUPS. AUB WILL EXPLAIN WHAT IS HAPPENING AND LET  
THOSE INTERESTED KNOW IT IS PREPARED TO DISPENSE SUPPLIES ON  
REQUEST.

8. ON ONGOING NEEDS IT WAS AGREED THAT LIST WOULD BE  
PASSED TO DRO AS DEVELOPED. AUB ALREADY HAD ONE SUCH  
LIST AND SINCE IT IS SHORT AND SOME ITEMS MIGHT STILL BE  
INCLUDED IN BIG SHIPMENT IT IS LISTED HERE:

|                         |       |            |
|-------------------------|-------|------------|
| TUBES, FEEDING          | 5     | 1,000 EACH |
| TUBES, FEEDING          | 8     | 1,000 EACH |
| PADS, COMBINATION       | 100   | CARTONS    |
| CATHETER, SUCTION       | 14FR  | 2,000 EACH |
| CATHETER, FOLEY         | 14 FR | 200 EACH   |
| CATHETER FOLEY          | 16FR  | 200EACH    |
| ELECTRODE EKG, DISPOSAL | 3,000 | EACH       |

9. ON OF THE LAST ITEMS DISCUSSED WAS PHYSICAL  
SECURITY OF SHIPMENT FROM AIRPORT. AFTER REVIEWING THE  
PROSPECTS AND NECESSITY OF GETTING AN ARMED ESCORT.  
DECISION WAS TO RELY ON HOPED FOR ANONYMITY AND SLIGHT  
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IMPROVEMENT IN OVERALL SITUATION, NEED FOR ESCORT WILL  
BE REVIEWED BEFORE BIG SHIPMENT IS MOVED.

10. IN CONCLUSION, AUB EXPRESSED EXTREME APPRECAITION  
OF WASHINGTON'S EFFORTS AND SOME AWE AT SPEED WITH WHICH  
OPERATION HAS BEEN MOUNTED.  
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